

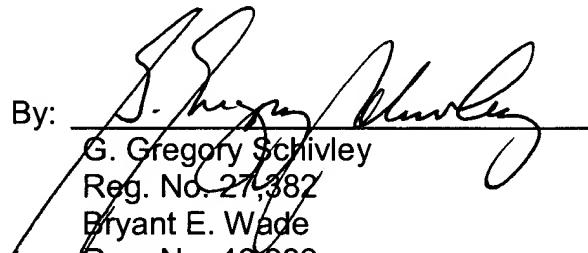
REMARKS

The outstanding office action closed prosecution as to the merits in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*. This application is in condition for allowance except withdrawn Claim 13 now needs to be canceled. By this amendment, Claim 13 is cancelled. Claims 1-12, 14-20 and 22-24 remain pending in the application. This application should now be in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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